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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION
WITH GISCARD

1. ELYSEE SOURCE TELL US IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT
PRESIDENT GISCARD VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE SUGGES-
TIONS MADE IN A MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT AS REGARDS
AGENDA FOR THEIR BREAKFAST MEETING. GISCARD DOUBTS
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WHETHER TIME WILL SUFFICE TO COVER ALL THE TOPICS
MENTIONED. HE, FOR HIS PART, INTENDS TO DISCUSS
EURO-COMMUNISM IN ITALY AND FRANCE, AS WELL AS AFRICA.
HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENT WILL RAISE NON-PROLIFERATION.

2. ON EURO-COMMUNISM, WE ARE TOLD GISCARD IS DIS-
TURBED OVER ANDREOTTI'S APPARENT READINESS TO GIVE

THE PCI A GREATER ROLE. HE AND GERMANS, WITH WHOM
ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED, SEE LITTLE ADVANTAGE FOR THE
CD IN SUCH GENEROSITY, PARTICULARLY SINCE CD DOING
SOMEWHAT BETTER, WHEREAS PCI IS SUFFERING FROM STRAINS
OF ITS PRESENT AMBIGUOUS POSITION. IN CONSEQUENCE,
FRENCH AND GERMANS HAVE MADE, OR ARE ABOUT TO MAKE,
DISCREET HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE TO FORLANI URGING GREATER
RESTRAINT. GISCARD CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT PCI
NOT BE PERMITTED TO MAKE SUCH FURTHER BREAKTHROUGH
TOWARD RESPECTABILITY BEFORE FRENCH LEGISLATIVE
ELECTIONS, SINCE THIS WOULD ONLY REINFORCE IMAGE OF
INEVITABILITY OF COMMUNIST TIDE IN SOUTHERN EUROPE.

3. IN SAME CONTEXT GISCARD WILL EITHER DIRECTLY OR
OBLIQUELY WISH TO DISCUSS US ATTITUDES TOWARD THE
LEFT IN FRANCE. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE EFFECTS FOR THE MAJORITY OF
MITTERRAND'S FALL VISIT TO THE STATES AND WILL EXPRESS
HOPE THAT RECEPTION WILL BE MOST CAREFULLY ADJUSTED
IN LIGHT MAJOR STAKES INVOLVED FOR FRANCE'S FUTURE.
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